# Discerning Technology & Policy Implications

of Global Energy Scenarios that could

**Stabilize Climate Change** 

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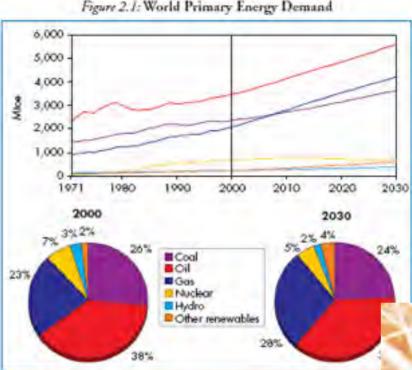
Stanford University

May 10, 2007

Decomposition of mitigation sources for a rapid growth scenario with emissions constrained to a doubling of CO2 concentrations above pre-industrial levels (A2r-4.5 W/m²)

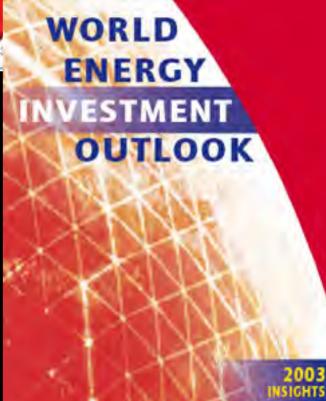
Scenario by the Greenhouse Gas Initiative of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (Riahi et al, 2006)





According to the IEA in 2003, investment needed thru 2030 is \$16 trillion...

At least \$10 trillion for fossil fuels and their delivery infrastructure...



# Scenarios of many types powerfully shape perceptions about the future that frame near term decisions.

"2 billion people will still be without electricity..." "We need to double the nuclear power capacity..."

"We need technologies that don't exist yet..."

"Stabilizing climate change requires..."

# ENERGY TECHNOLOGY



INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON CLIMATE CHANGE

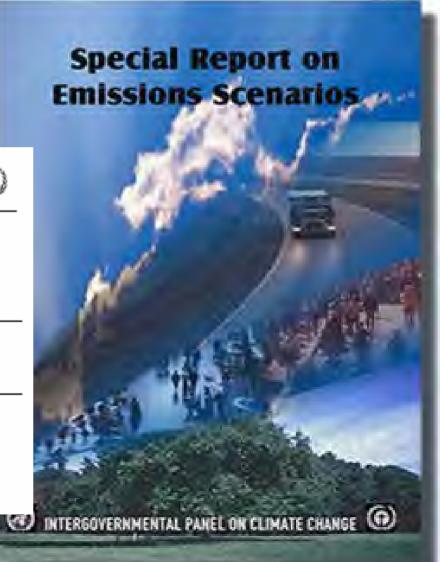


Climate Change 2007: The Physical Science Basis

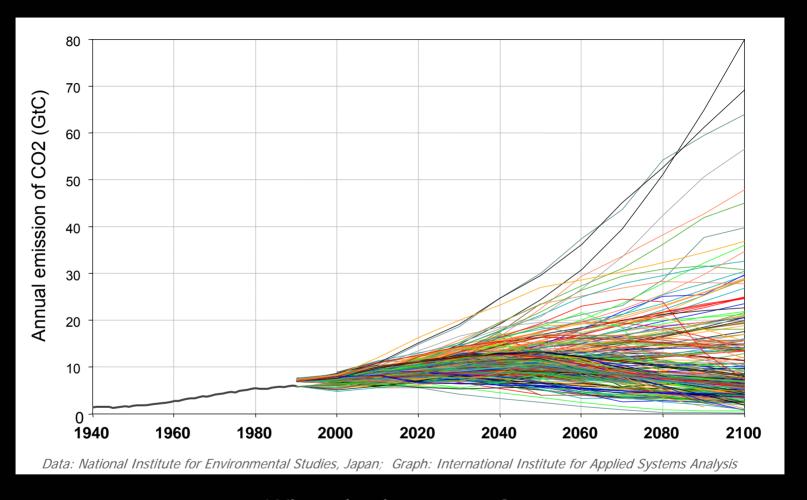
Summary for Policymakers

Contribution of Working Group I to the Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change





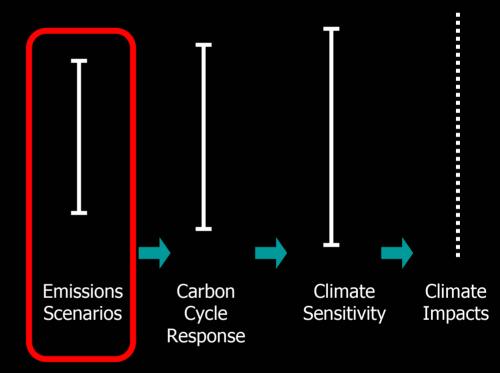
#### **Scenarios for Global Carbon Dioxide Emissions**

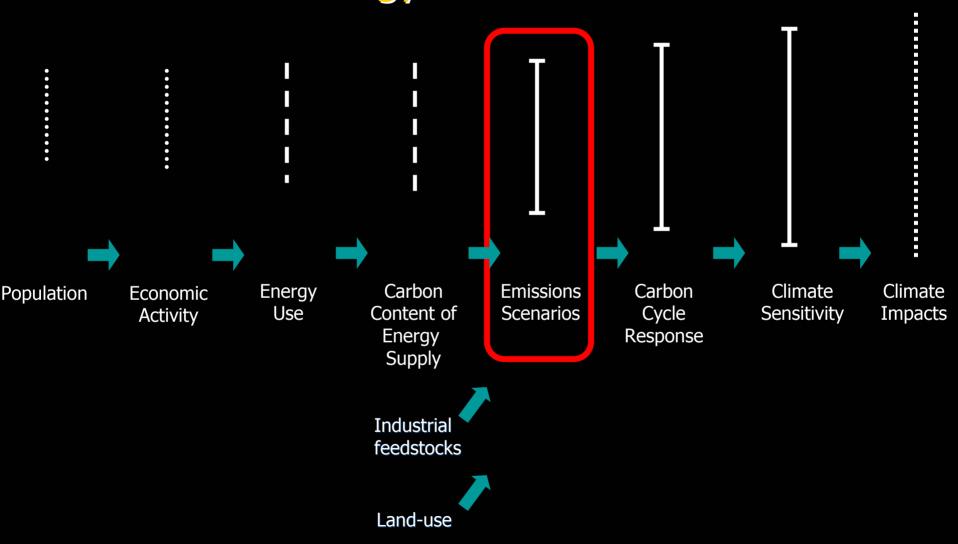


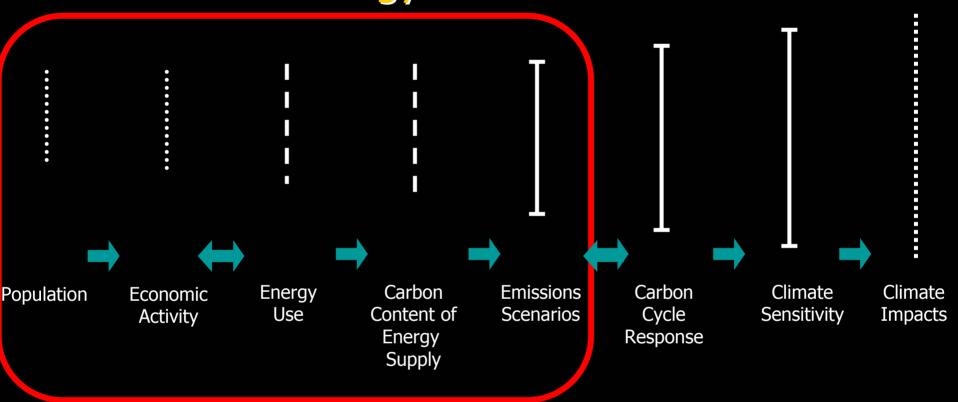
What do they mean?

How do I know?

Does it make sense?



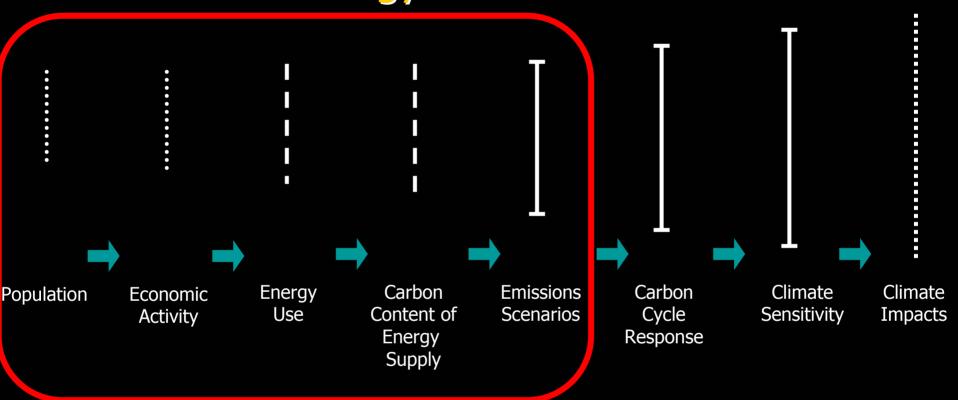




Deep uncertainty:

Parameter values + Relationship between the parameters

Scenario analysis is an appropriate technique for exploring deep uncertainty.

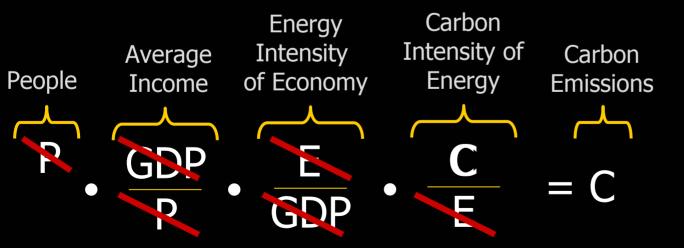


Energy and emissions scenario analysis aims to explore deep uncertainty to support risk management decisions.

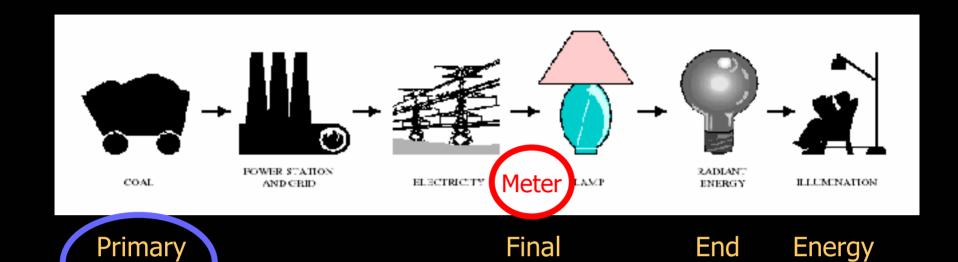
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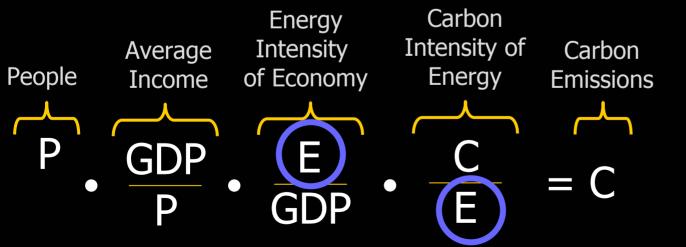
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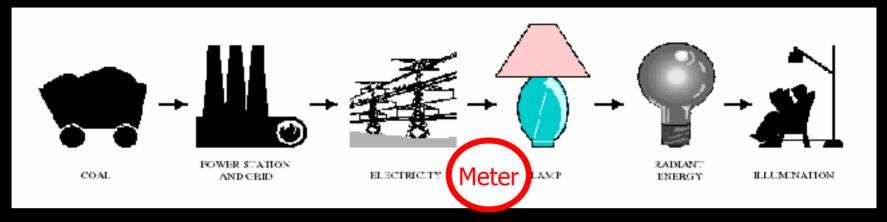
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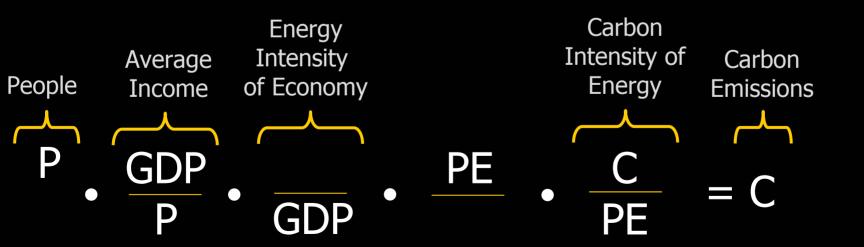


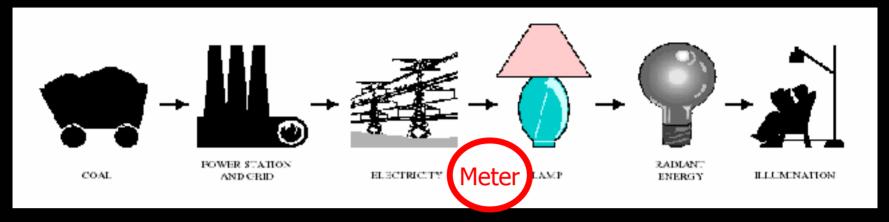
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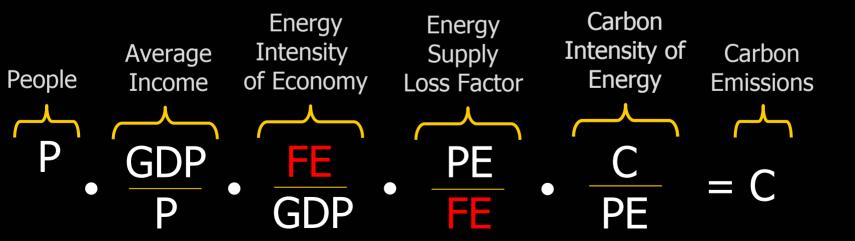
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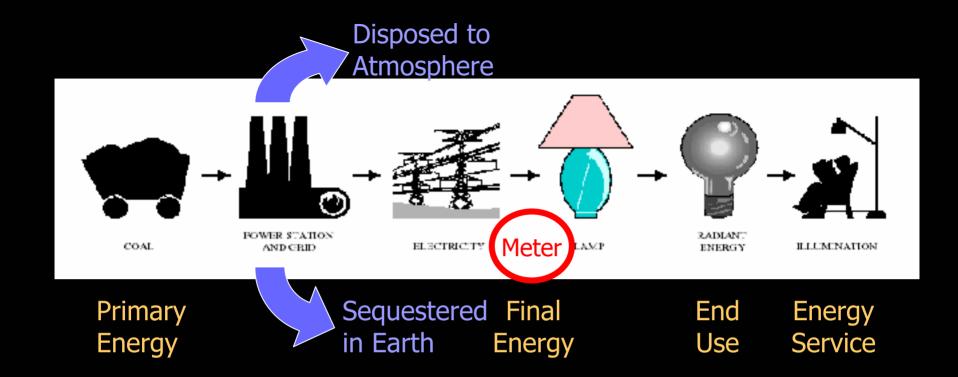


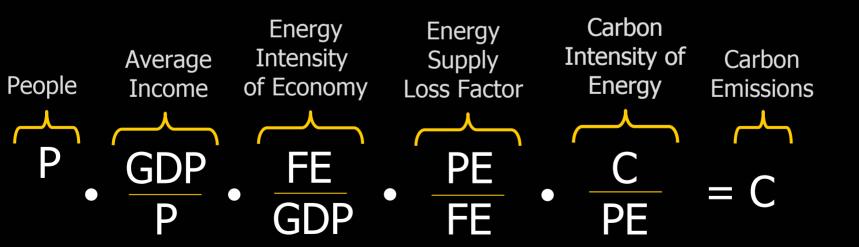


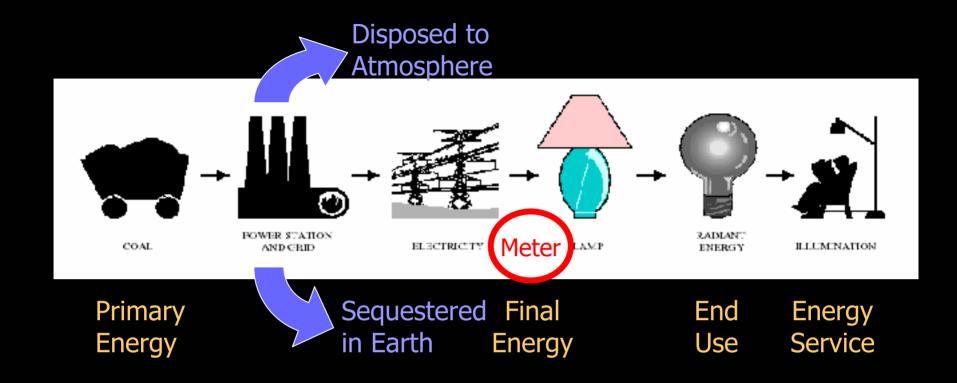
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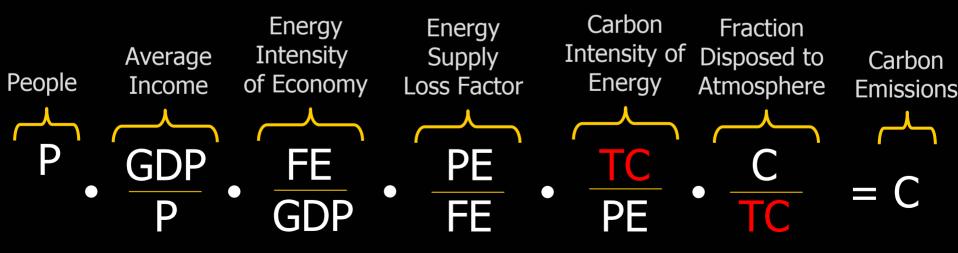
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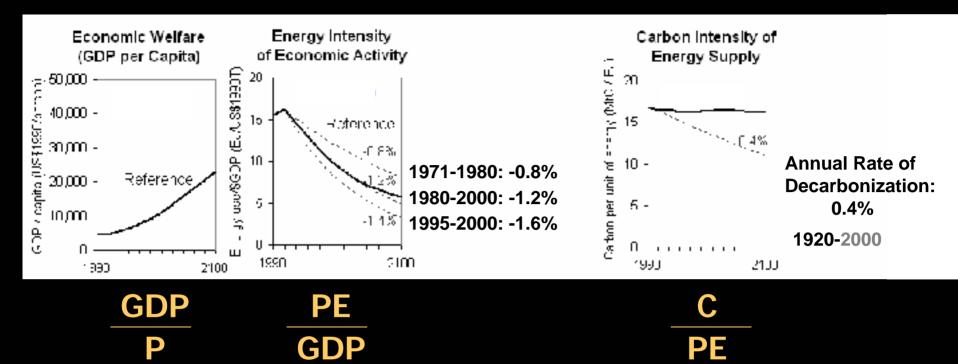


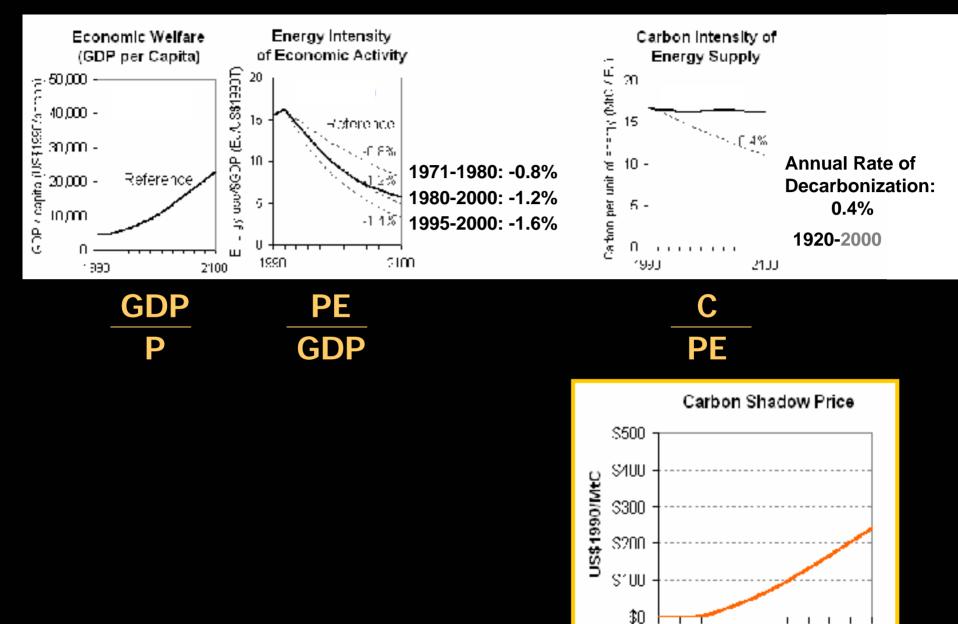


### First, using the familiar Kaya Identity...

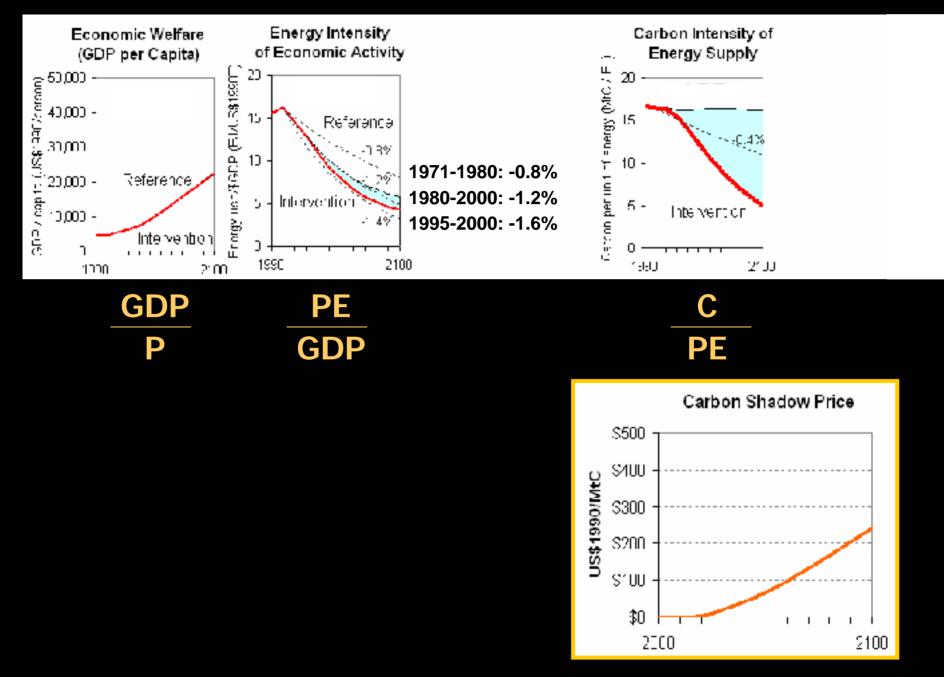
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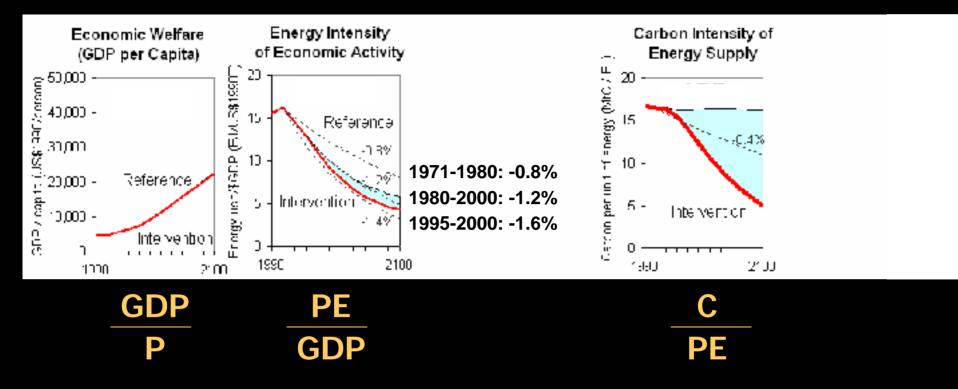




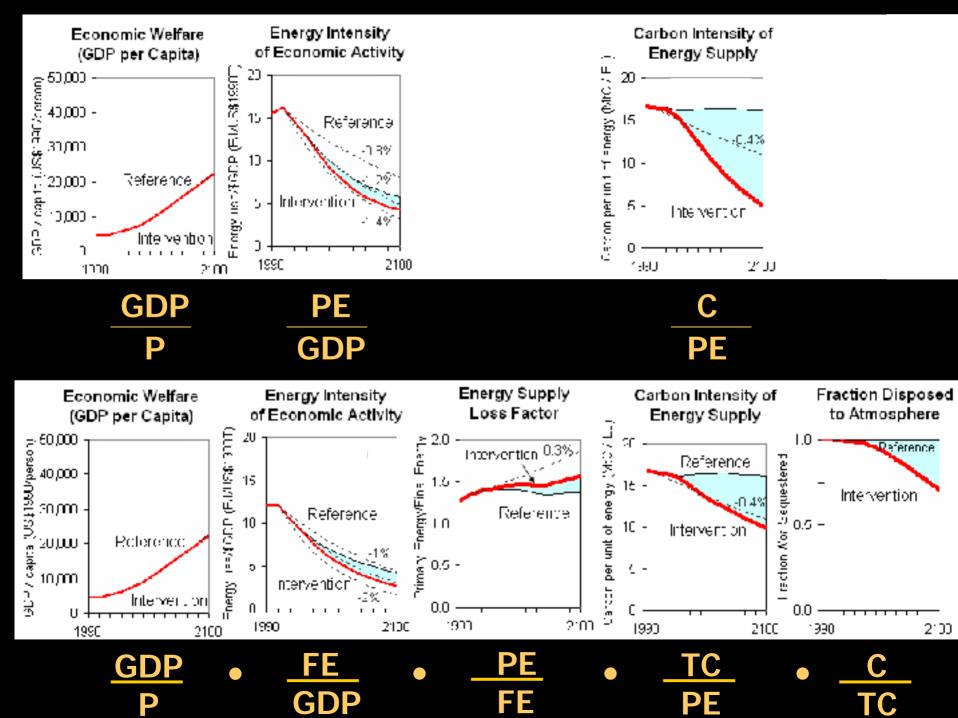
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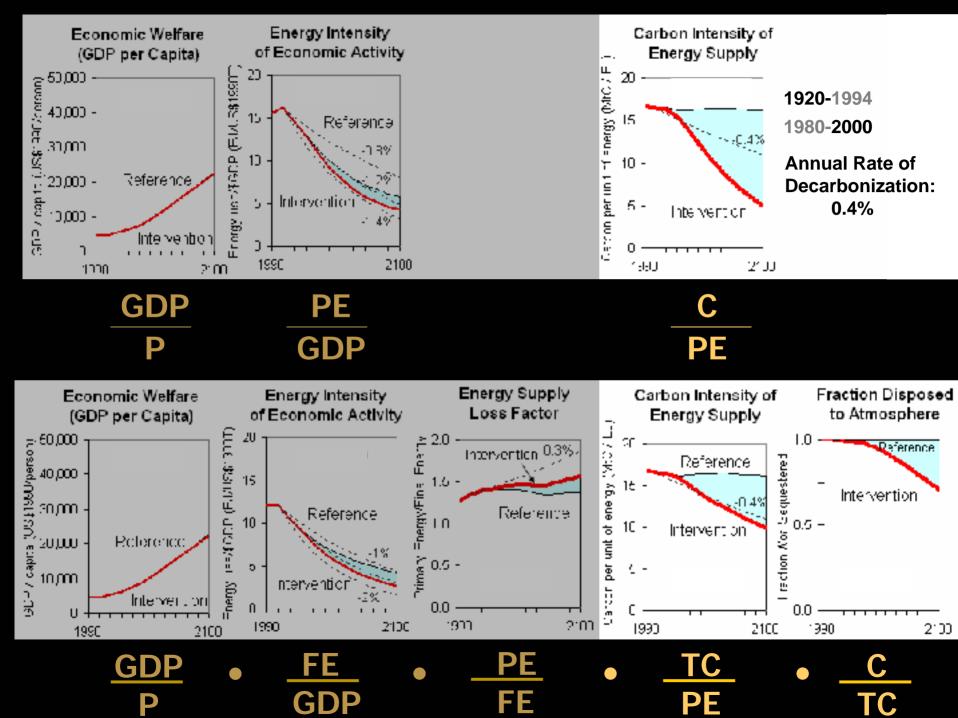


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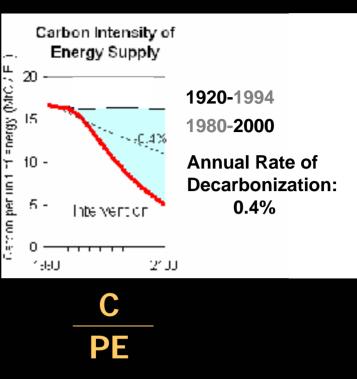


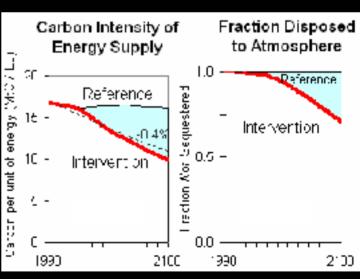
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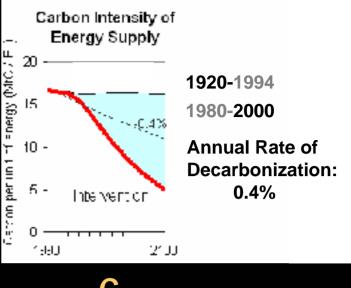
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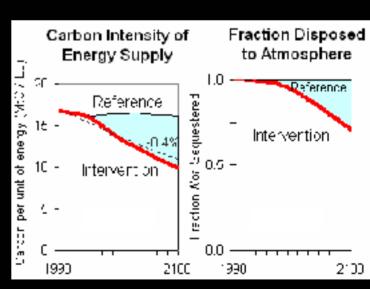


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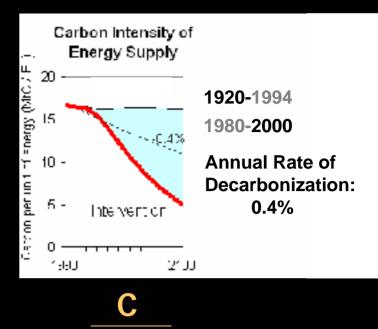


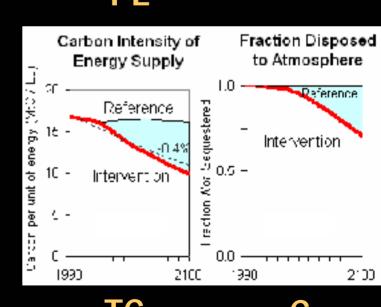


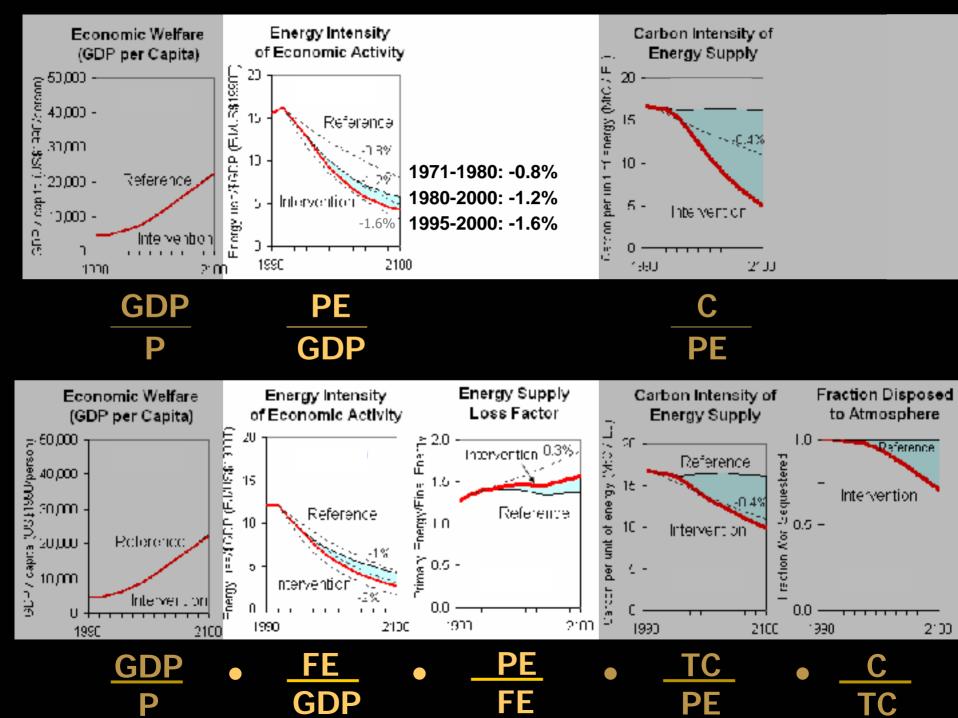
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The rest of the mitigation – which may have been interpreted as accelerated decarbonization of the energy supply – is actually from carbon sequestration.







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# Productive Use

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- Efficiency: More energy delivered per energy input
- Fuel Switching: Moving from coal to natural gas
- Electrification: Changing the share of electricity in FE

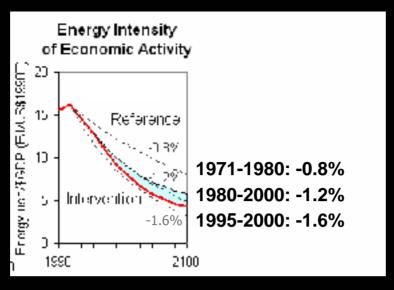
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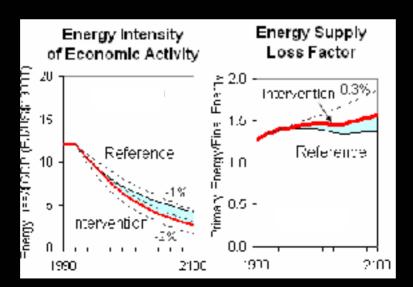
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- Conservation: Less non-productive energy use
- Energy Intensity: More productivity per energy input
- Structural Change: Same productivity, less energy use (Shift toward service economy)

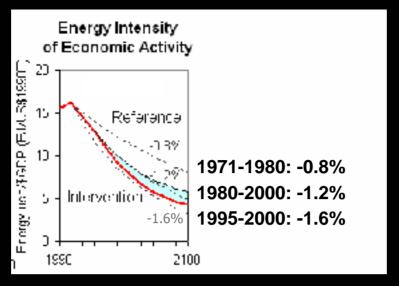


The reference case extends the 1980-2000 trend, and the policy intervention accelerates that improvement nearly to 1995-2000 levels.

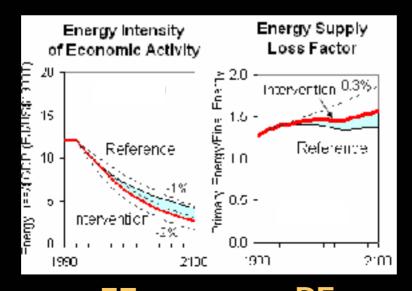
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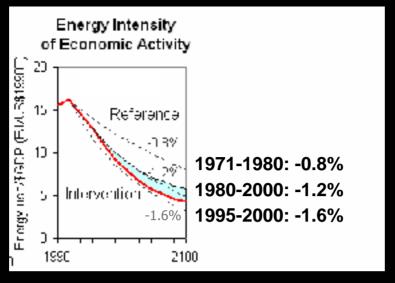
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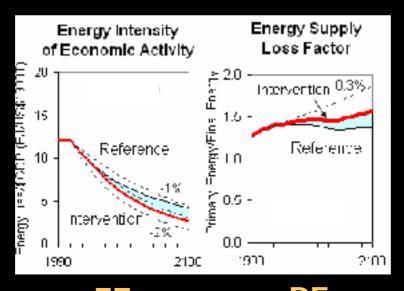
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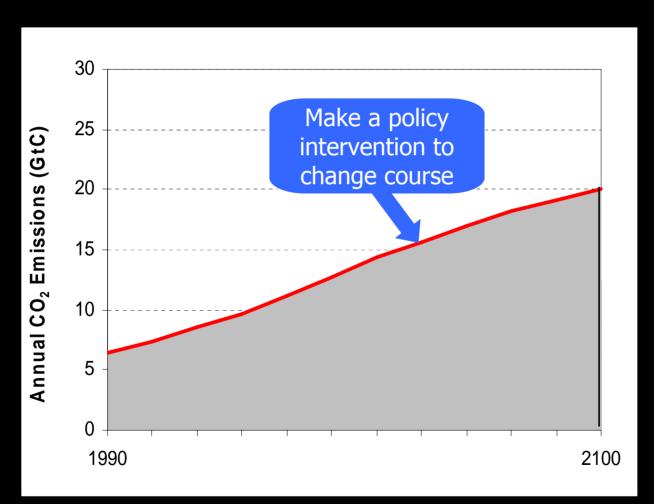
FE/GDP sags, and the rising carbon price brings the rate of improvement to a level only slightly higher than the 1980-2000 trend.

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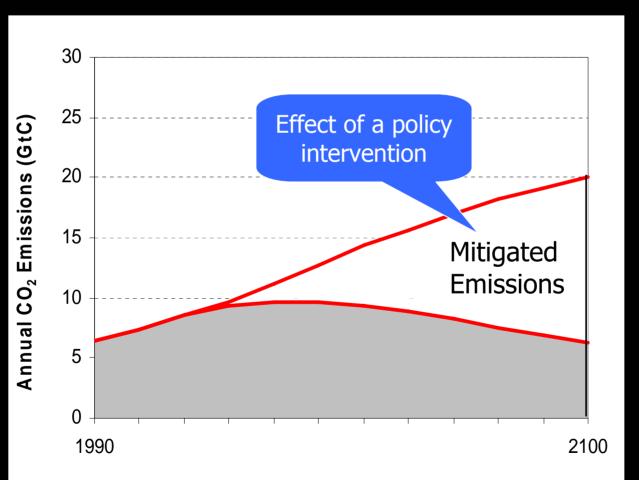
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## Basic emissions scenario analysis



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Path to Stabilization

# The Pervasive Scenario Intervention Policy

A uniform global carbon price equal to the marginal cost of abatement in a worldwide cap-and-trade program with full participation, full flexibility, low transaction costs, and equal burden-sharing.

Though this policy is not feasible to implement, it is used as a proxy:

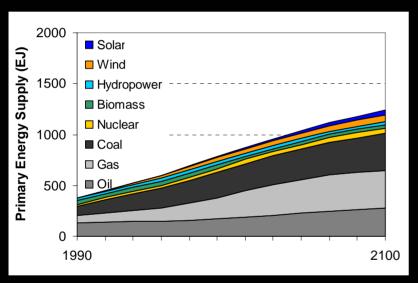
"A global uniform carbon price has been applied as a proxy of pressure on the system to induce a variety of mitigation measures."

- van Vuuren, RIVM 2001

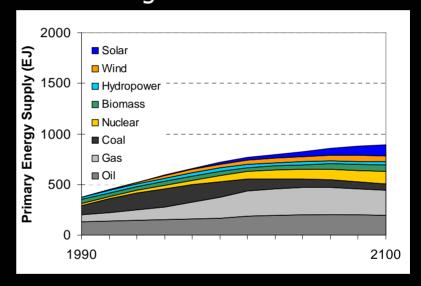
#### Changes to the Underlying Energy Sector

#### Primary Energy Resource Profile

Reference Case: "Before"



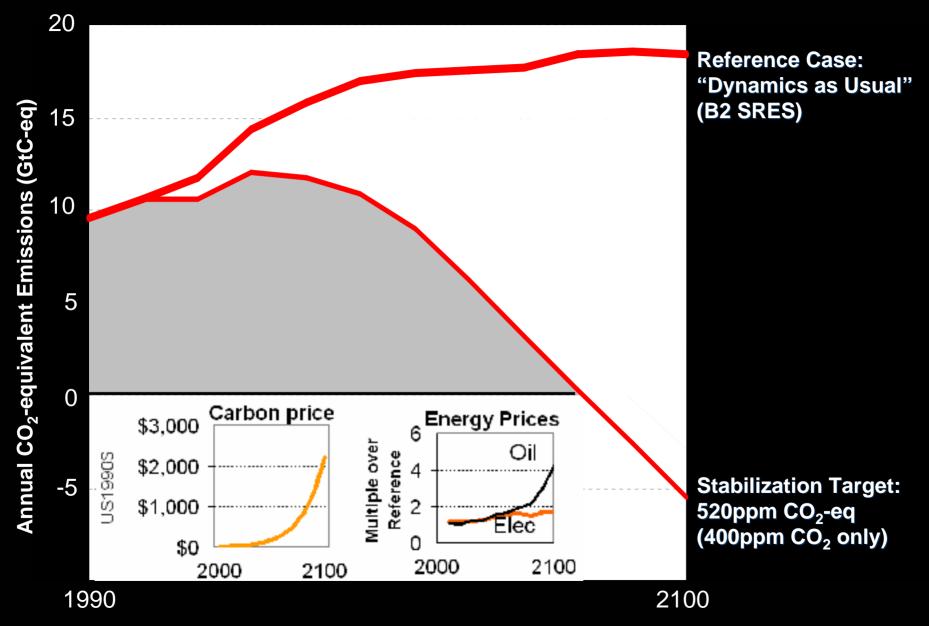
Mitigation Case: "After"



Moving beyond the familiar for more insight...

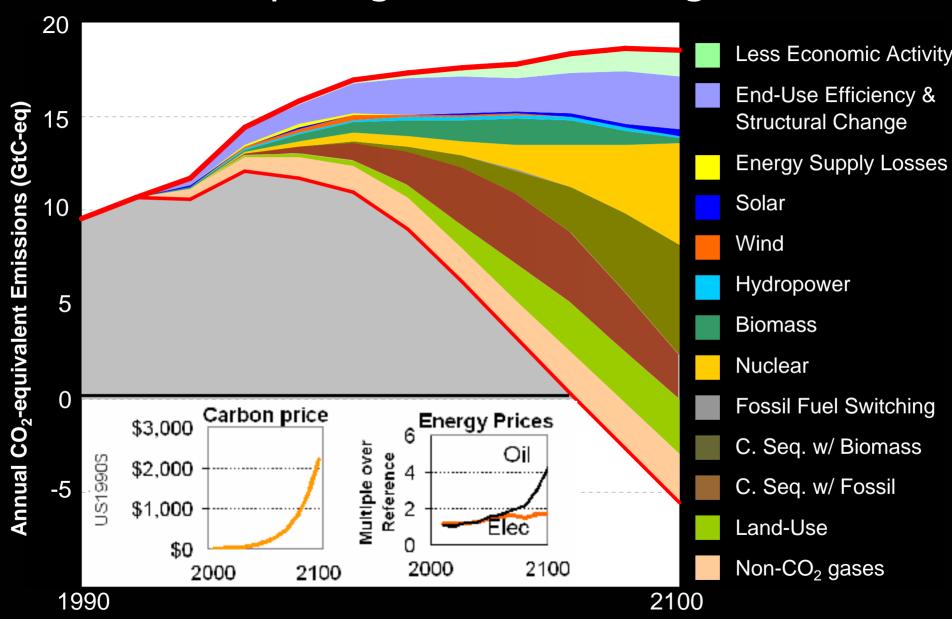
- Lower demand
- Less coal
- …a breakthrough technology

#### **Decomposing Sources of Mitigation**



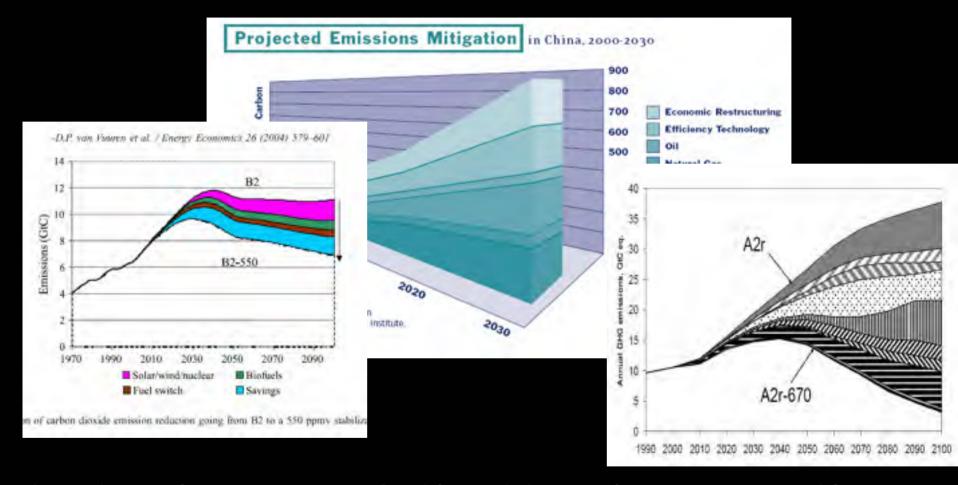
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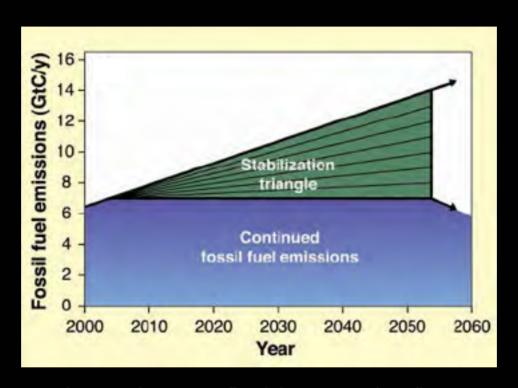
Mid-range reference case (B2) limited to 520ppm CO2-eq (IIASA GGI, 2006)

Three modeling teams have published decompositions of their scenario results, though not the algorithms used to make them.



Thus, the analysis is non-transferable and the results are incomparable.

The algorithm used here can be applied to any scenario for which sufficient energy data is disclosed.



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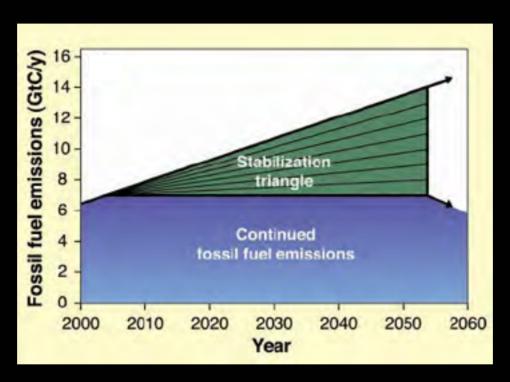
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Comparisor redges" concept 2000 2020 2060 2030 2040 2050 Year

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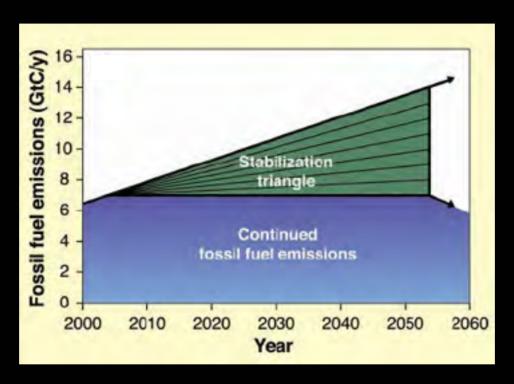


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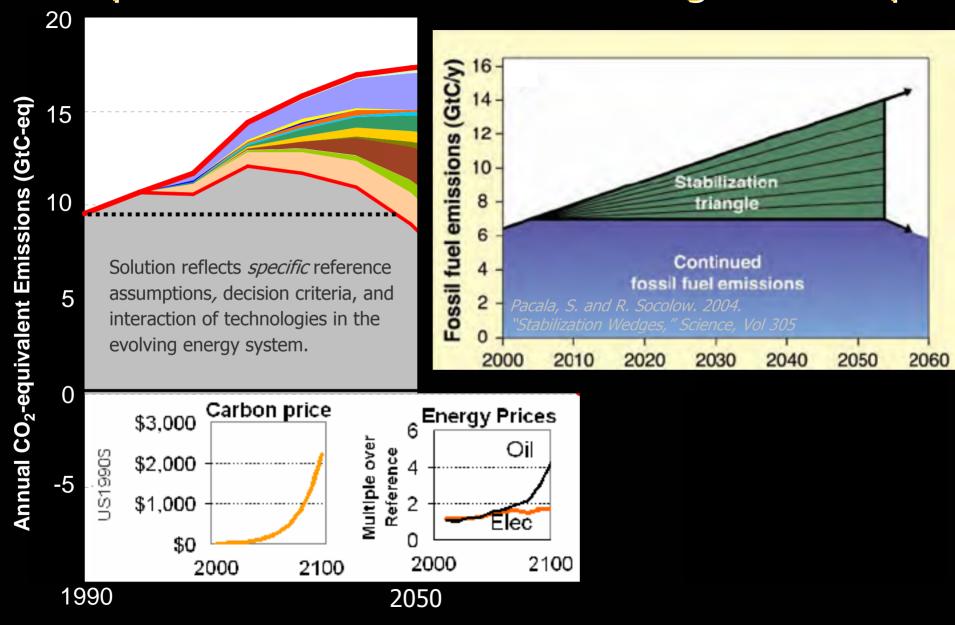


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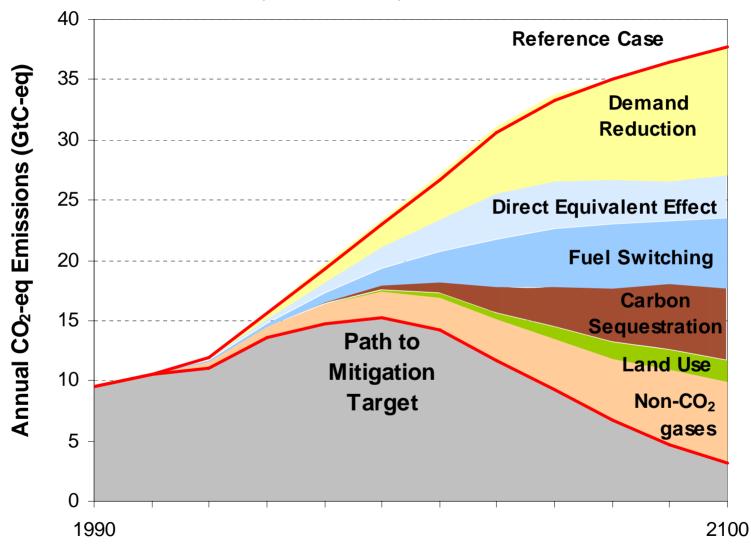
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#### Accounting for the Direct Equivalent method

- Primary energy accounting affects results of both the decomposition of key drivers and the decomposition of mitigation sources, and must be taken into account.
- The direct equivalent method sets primary energy directly equal to the heat content of delivered final energy – giving appearance of 100% efficiency.
- The scale of the distortion increases as more solar, hydro, and wind power displace fossil fuels. IPCC SRES scenarios treat nuclear power as a direct equivalent source as well.
- Use of data based on the direct equivalent method will result in inflated indicators for efficiency, overestimating actual reduction in demand.

#### **Global Emissions by Mitigation Category**

Direct Equivalent assumption taken into account



High Growth (A2r GGI), Stabilization: 670ppm CO<sub>2</sub>-eq, Model: MESSAGE-MACRO

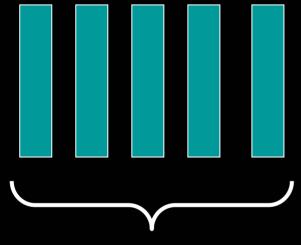
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# Summary data for 700+ scenarios NIES Database



Detailed stabilization scenarios

#### Criteria for sample scenarios:

- Energy system detail
- At least three different models
- Accessible data
- Multiple reference cases
- ✓ (Relatively) Low stabilization levels

# Sample Stabilization Scenarios

Scenario Study	Reference Case	Stabilization Case	Model
EMF-19	B2	550 CO2	MiniCAM
EMF-19	B2	550 CO2	IMAGE
EMF-19	B2	550 CO2	MSG-MCR
WBGU	A1T*	450 CO2	MSG-MCR
WBGU	B1*	400 CO2	MSG-MCR
IPCC TAR	A2	550 CO2	MSG-MCR
GGI	A2	670 CO2 eq	MSG-MCR
GGI	B2	480 CO2 eq	MSG-MCR
GGI	B1	480 CO2 eq	MSG-MCR
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Multiple reference cases

(Relatively) Low Stabilization targets

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<u>Common</u>: Reference case & Stabilization target
<u>Different</u>: Model & Technology assumptions

Reference Stabilization targets Model Technology assumptions

Reference case \*
Stabilization target
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Two "low-low" scenarios

Same reference & stabilization target

<u>Different</u> models & technology assumptions

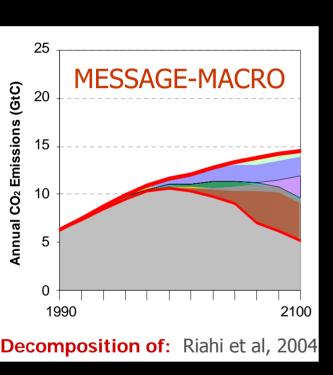
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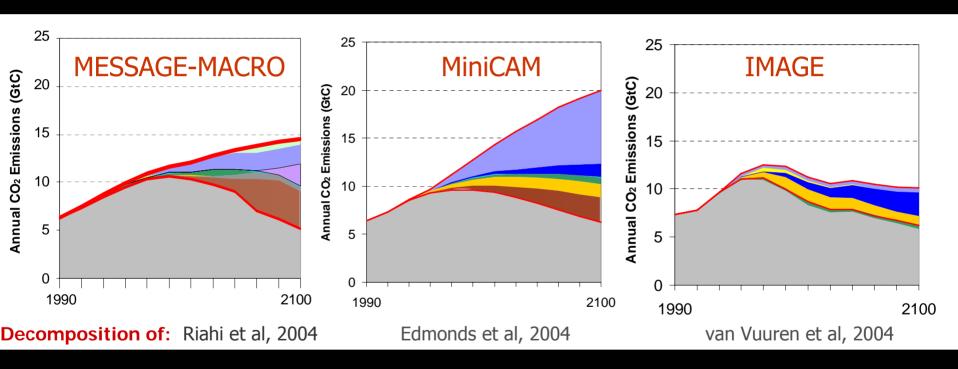
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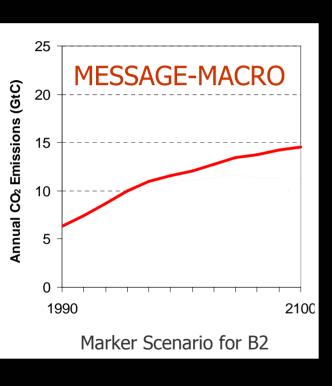
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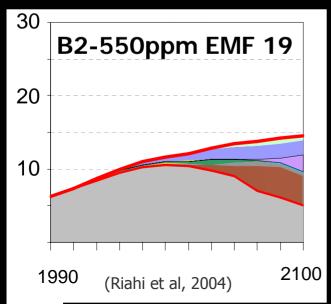
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Same Model (MESSAGE-MACRO, 2000-2004)

Different Reference cases & Stabilization targets



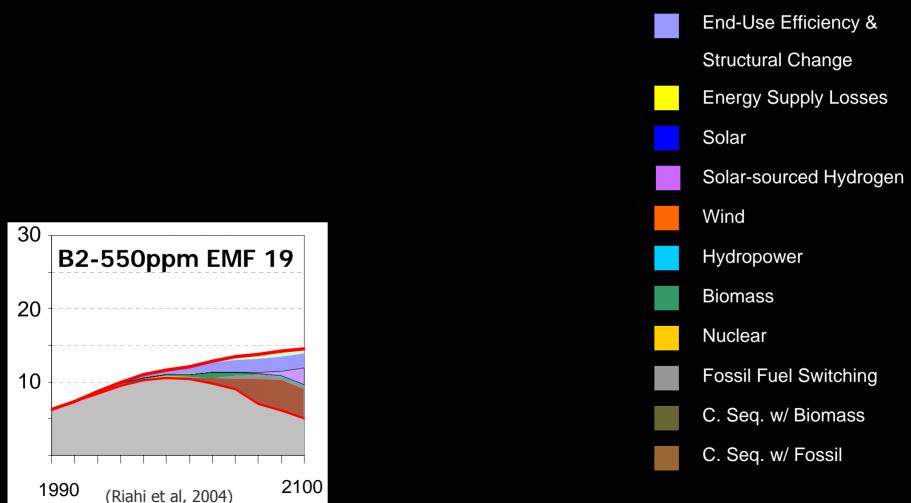
# Annual CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions (GtC)

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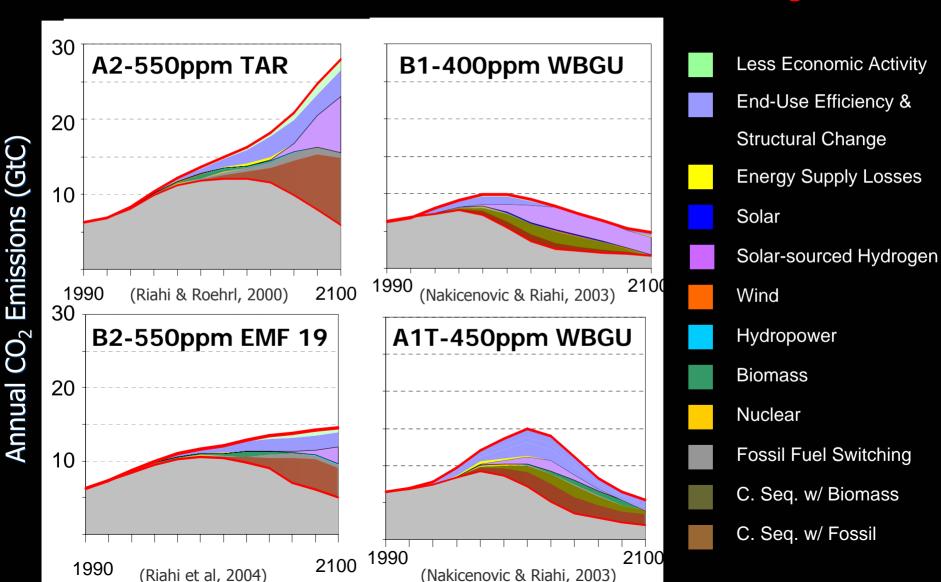
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Less Economic Activity



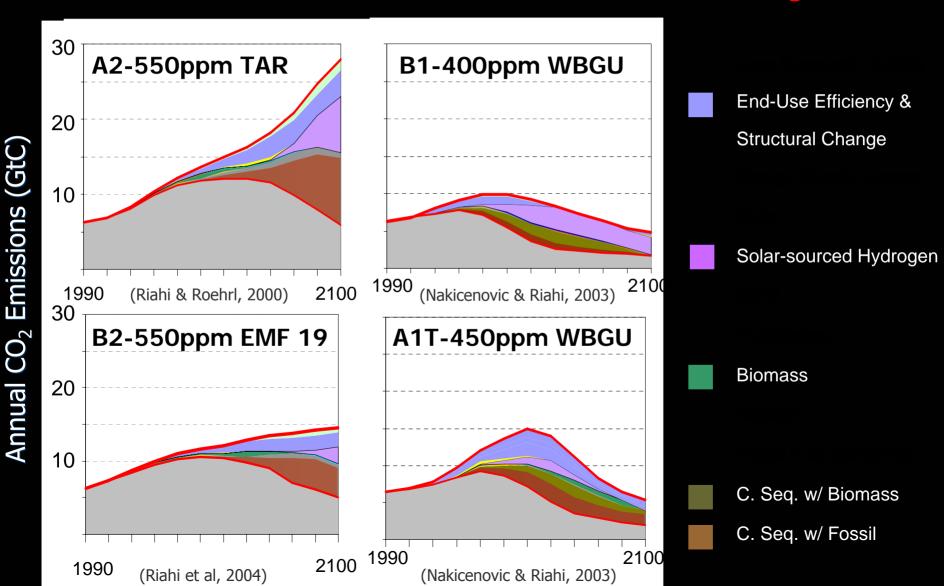
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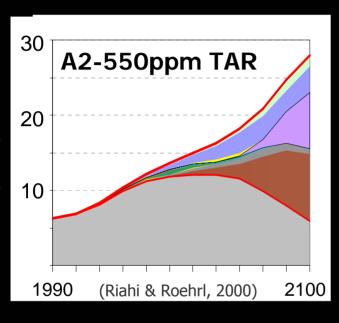
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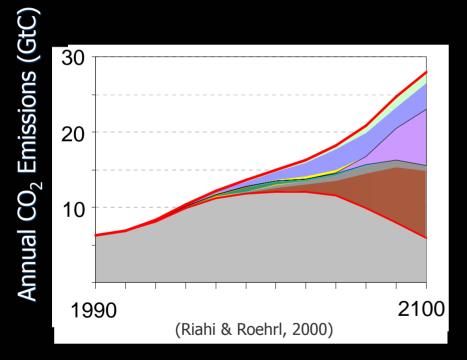


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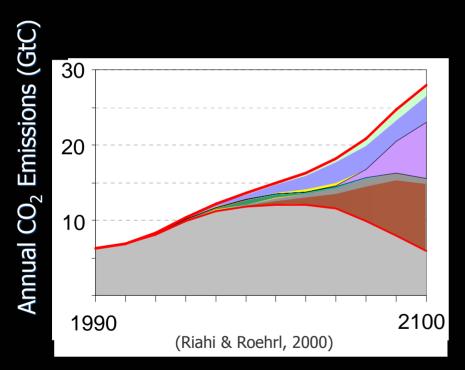
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Target: 550 ppm CO<sub>2</sub> only Model: MESSAGE-MACRO

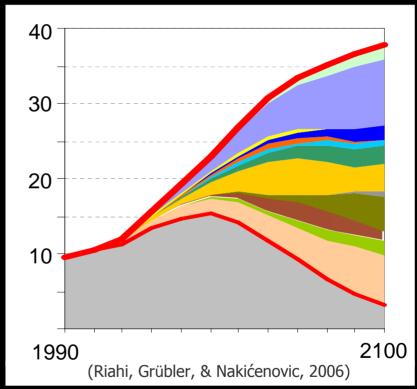
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Target: 550 ppm CO<sub>2</sub> only

Model: MESSAGE-MACRO

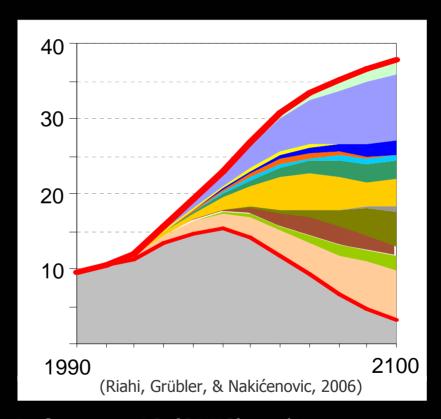


Reference: A2 (SRES) multi-gas

Target: 4.5 W/m<sup>2</sup> (670ppm CO<sub>2</sub>-eq) multi-gas

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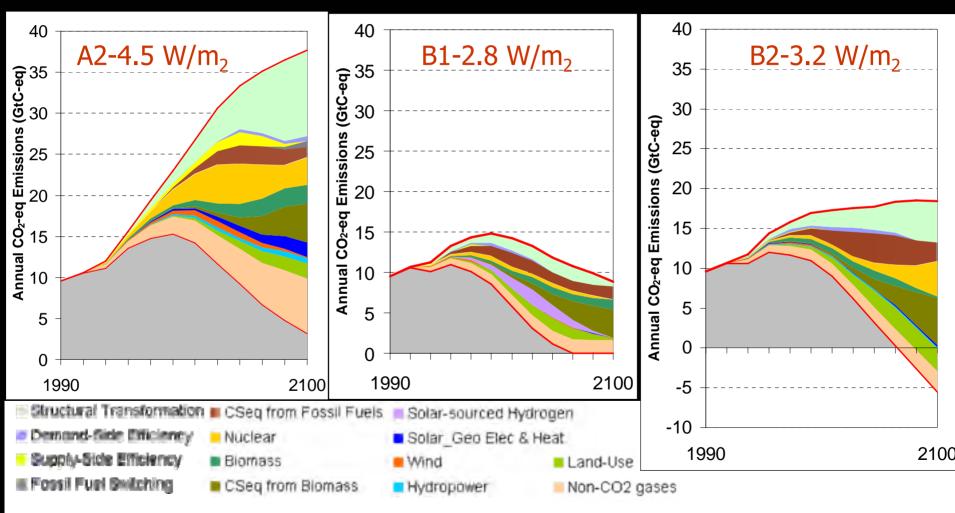
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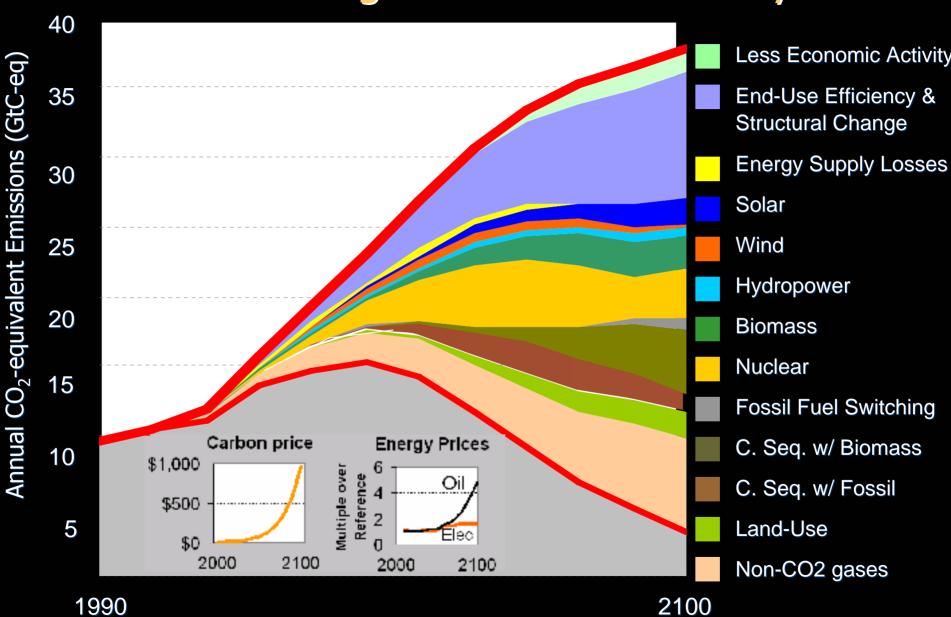
Same model & similar technology assumptions Different reference cases & stabilization targets



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High growth reference case (A2) limited to 670ppm CO2-eq (MSG-MACRO, IIASA GGI, 2006)

Economic Welfare (GDP per Capita)

**Energy Intensity of Economic Activity** 

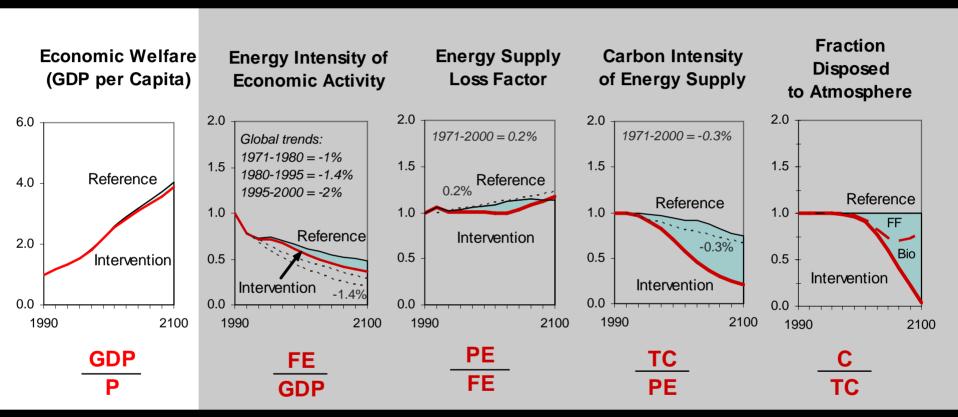
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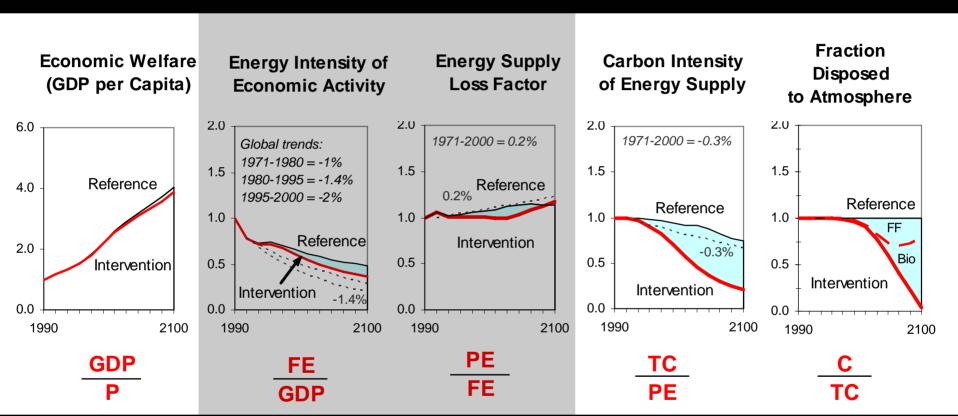
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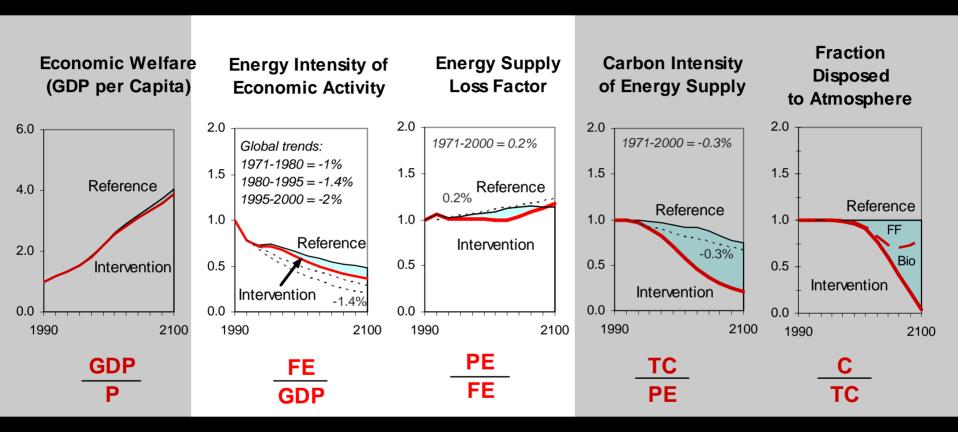
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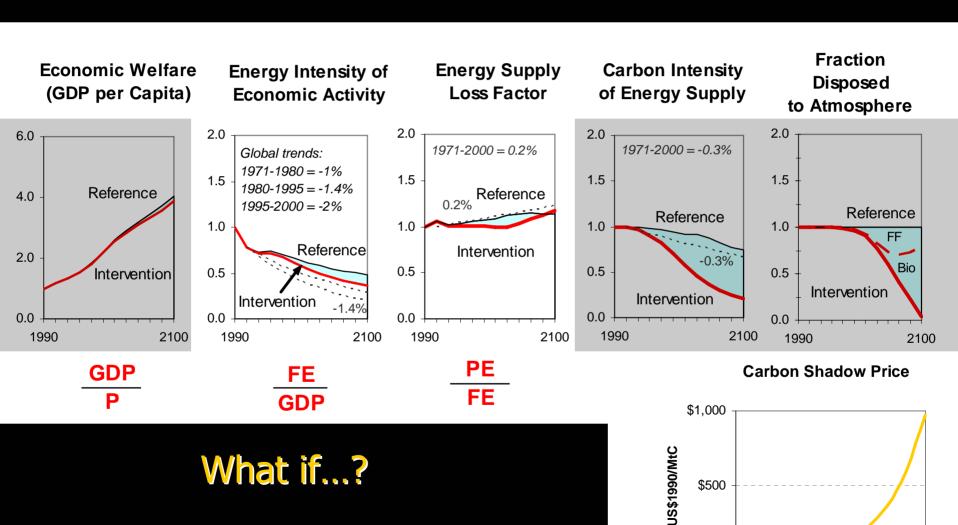
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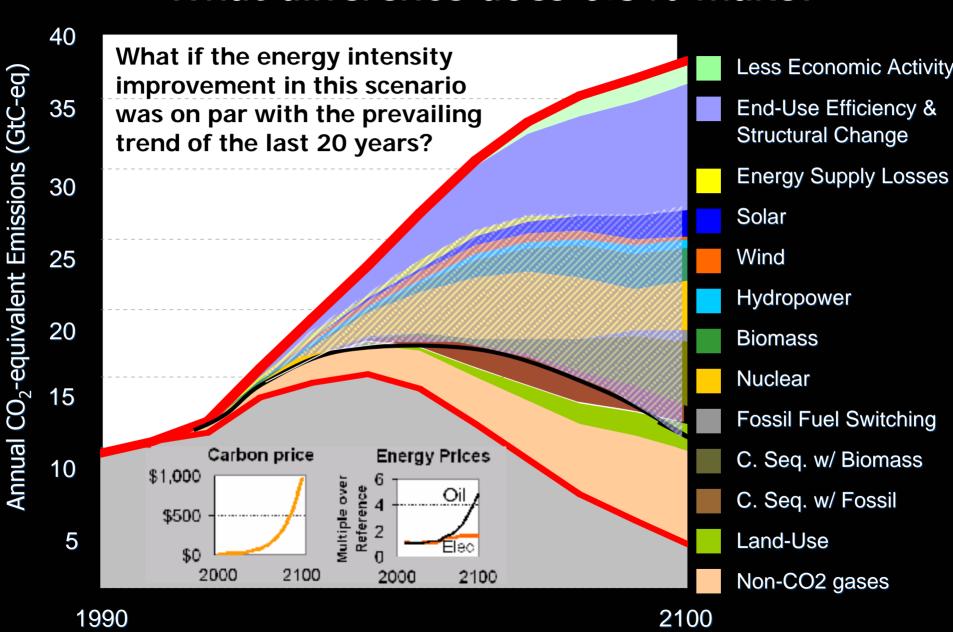


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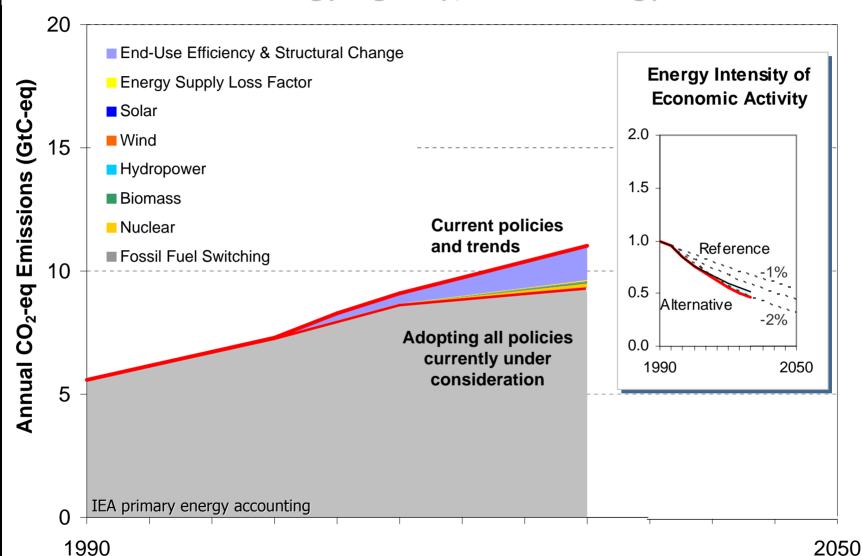
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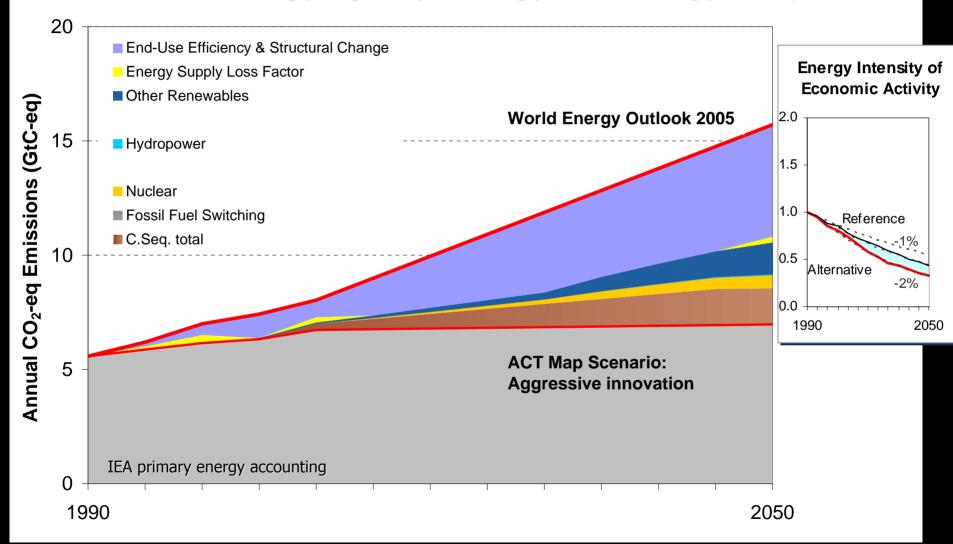
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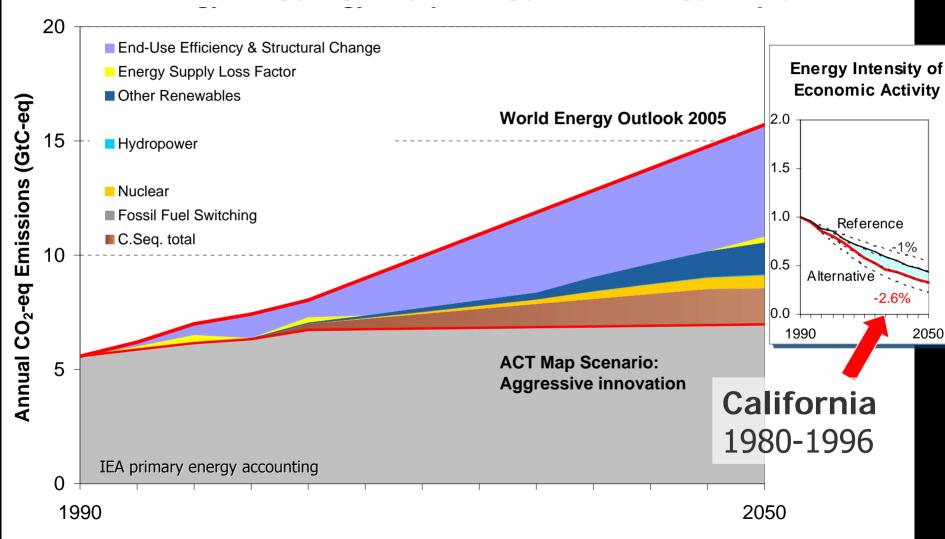
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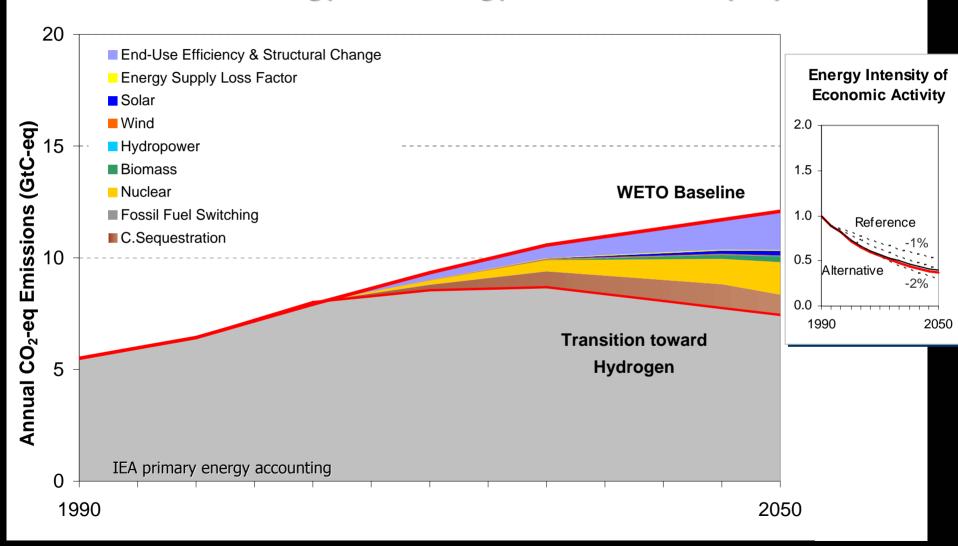
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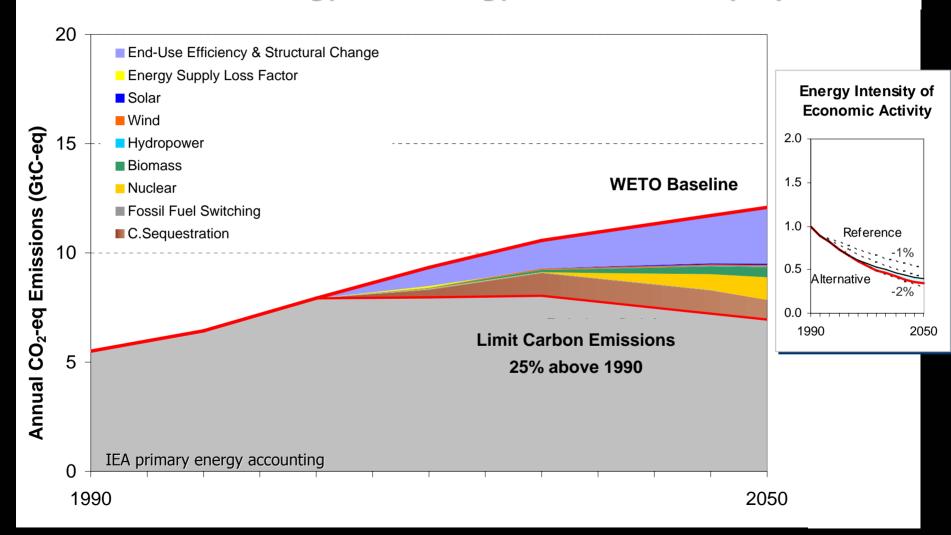
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# **Summary of Findings**

- When sufficient data is disclosed, two decomposition techniques demonstrated can be applied to a wide range of energy scenarios to perform initial validation and assessment of diverse energy futures from a variety of sources, including bottom-up and top-down models.
- This type of analysis is necessary for discerning policy-relevant implications of scenarios generated with (infeasible) proxy policy interventions. (Burden sharing for a cap-and-trade proxy policy is needed to produce relevant regional results.)
- Data disclosure practices should be improved to provide at least the fields needed to identify sources of mitigation and impact on key drivers of emissions.
- The direct equivalent method deserves more attention, even reconsideration (esp. for nuclear power), and must not be ignored in any policy analysis that promotes fuel switching.
- This analysis is model agnostic, and it does not investigate the origins of demand reduction values from each model – whether using an AEEI function or a marginal cost curve for demand reduction. Data for either were difficult to gather.

# Summary of Findings

- Application of these decomposition techniques indicate that the contribution of energy efficiency is often understated, straining energy supply options and leading scenarios to deploy high-risk technologies on a large scale.
- Environmental and social impacts of most large-scale supply-side mitigation have not been well investigated. ("We tend to like best the things about which we know the least.")
- Even when efficiency is taken into account, the level of effort implied by stabilization scenarios is <u>staggering</u>.
- Serious climate policy will include both price mechanisms and technology policy.
   Price mechanisms will only succeed with responsive energy markets and stable governance.
- We are all decision-makers in a "choose your own adventure" world.



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